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## **AMENDMENT**

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Dear Examiner Vanaman:

In response to your Office Action mailed March 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Drawings:

A red-lined corrected drawing FIG. 25 is included herewith.

In the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(i) and (ii), please replace the paragraph found at page 13, lines 5-15 with the following replacement paragraph:

Referring next to FIGS. 9,10,11,12 the equivalent system to that shown in FIGS. 1-8 has been modified to include a mounting board 900 that holds all the system components. The mounting board 900 is screwed to the ski 1 with screws 910. A groove 912 on the top of the mounting board 900 houses the track 11. The track 11 has the same flange 15. The ends of the groove at 913,914 are sized to allow the proper movement of track 11. Holes 902 provide for proper installation of the heel release 4 based on size. This mounting board could be used for the preferred embodiment of FIGS. 22-25.

Please replace the paragraph found at page 15, lines 5-13 with the following replacement paragraph: